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SUNSHINE WEEK: COUNTY BOARD APPROVES ONLINE LEGISLATIVE ACCESS

Legistar project will be developed through intergovernmental agreement with City of Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair of the County Board Committee on Information Technology (Project TEAM), is pleased to announce that, thanks to a unanimous vote from the County Board this morning, Milwaukee County is moving forward on a project to provide online access for all legislative actions within the County. Project TEAM (Technology, Efficiency, Accessibility, and Modernization) recommended the project to increase public access to County government through the use of technology.

Through a unique partnership with the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County will enter into a contract with Daystar Computer Systems, Inc., for the development of an automated legislative workflow system. Daystar's Legistar project will provide online access to all legislation that comes before the County Board of Supervisors. Phase two of the project will provide archived video and audio from meetings.

"There's no better way to observe Sunshine Week than by making this announcement. The City and County already share information technology on a number of fronts, and we're pleased to expand this agreement to provide more accessibility for residents and at a lower cost," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "Through this agreement, we have the ability to expand Legistar for use by other area municipalities, reducing duplication and costs."

"The Legistar system will make Milwaukee County more efficient, save tax dollars and increase public participation, which will lead to a more transparent, accountable County government," Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. "The costs of installing this system will quickly be offset by savings in paper, equipment, and staff time. I'd like to thank Chairman Holloway for appointing me Chair of the Committee. I also thank all of the County Board Supervisors who voted to support this project."

Project TEAM also includes Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr. (Vice-Chair of the Committee), County Clerk Joseph Czarnecki, and representatives from County Board staff and the Department of Administrative Services Information Management Services Division. Funding for the initiative was included in the 2010 Adopted Budget includes participation from disadvantaged business enterprises.

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